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1. Location

The Concern for the Production of Signaling Equipment (Híradócikkek Gyártó Vállalat) is located at Daróczy ut. 1-3 in Budapest XI. This district is also known under the name of Lágymányos (see annex).

2. History

During the last war the factory, which was located in a former barracks, was badly damaged. However, it was soon rebuilt after the war under military supervision. In 1946 a small part of the factory was again in operation. After the nationalization of the small factories, workers and machines from such nationalized enterprises were brought to this factory. It is not known which part of the factory has been enlarged.

3. Production

- a. Telecommunications equipment is produced and repaired in the factory.
- b. The following new articles are being produced:
 - 1.) Radio receivers and transmitters for military purposes (types R-3 and R-7, already in use by the Hungarian Army during the second World War.)
 - 2.) Soviet transmitters and receivers, type CPR.
 - 3.) Short-wave transmitters and receivers, type HT-951 and type 48Lh.
 - 4.) WT transmitting keys.
 - 5.) Field-telephone equipment, type Uh with automatic and manual connecting gear.

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- 6.) Field-telephone exchanges.
- 7.) Cable reels (Vonalgombolyító), type 030 and 051 M.
- 8.) Signaling discs (Híradókészülék tárcsa).
- 9.) Cable drums, types 03m, 030m, 049MV and L51M.
- 10.) Small and large cable boxes.
- 11.) Cable set to be carried on the back with tubular frame, type 51M.
- 12.) Cable set to be carried on the back with wooden frame, type 03M.
- c. The majority of the production is delivered to the Hungarian Army and a small part to the Soviet Union. The products for the Soviet Union have Russian markings and are taken over by a Soviet military commission. This commission visits the factory once a month. Often entire deliveries are rejected.

4. Raw Materials and Supply of Energy

- a. The high percentage of rejects is due to the bad quality and shortage of raw materials. There is a great shortage of non-ferrous metal and metal sheets; iron rods and wooden materials are also very difficult to obtain. If the shortage of rods become acute, the factory can demand this material from a nearby state concern, which has to deliver the required quantity irrespective of its own production.
- b. Iron is supplied by the Rákosi Mátyás Works in Csepel. Coal arrives by rail from the Transdanubian Coalmining Trust (Dunántúli Szénbányászati Trust). Iron and coal are stored in the open.
- c. Electricity is supplied by the power station in Kelenföld. The factory has its own transformer and a small power plant in case of emergency.
- d. Water is supplied by the Budapest central water works.

5. Machines

- a. Some of the machines in the factory are prewar, others came from nationalized factories and are also old. As there are a large number of machine tools available, if one needs to be repaired it can immediately be replaced by another. Work never has to stop for repairs.
- b. The same applies to the tools. The factory is equipped with more tools than are required, but they are all quite old.
- c. The majority of the machines are of German origin and the tools are of Hungarian origin. New machines and tools were not observed.

6. Transportation

- a. The nearest station is the Kelenföld railroad station with which the factory is connected by a standard gauge railroad line (see annex). This line is used chiefly for transporting coal.
- b. All other transports are carried out with road vehicles belonging to the Hungarian Peoples' Army. The factory has no trucks of its own. Trucks from the State Transport Concern (TEFU) are used whenever there are not sufficient Army trucks available.

7. Description of the Factory Installations

The factory is housed in a three-story building which has two exits. It is a brick building with a red-tiled roof. In the cellar are various storage depots. On the first floor are the workshops for transmitters and receivers and for WT transmitting keys, on the second and third floor are the workshops for field telephone equipment and the remaining items of production.

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8. Administration

a. The factory is under military administration and is subordinate to the Ministry of Defense. The factory administration is housed in the building of the Ministry of Defense. All orders and deliveries, the supply of raw materials, questions concerning labor, etc., are dealt with in the ministry. The manager of the factory is an officer. During the past three years the managers changed very often; so far far eight different officers have been in charge of the factory. The workers never see the manager as he works in the Ministry.

b. The actual head of the factory, who also stays in the factory, is Director Janos Goga

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c. The following personnel is known:

1.) Security officer: AVH Lieutenant András Barta

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2.) Chairman of the Factory Council: Károly Angyal

3.) Party Secretary: László Jakolievics

4.) Trade-union delegate: András Kegli

5.) Technical manager: Imre Haidu

6.) Head of the smithy: András Kovács

7.) Head of the department for radio equipment: Károly Galnia

8.) Head of the strap workshop (Szíjgyártó műhely): Béla Szentkirályi

9.) Head of the galvanizing shop: Jenő Somos

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10.) Head of the carpenter's machine workshop: Zoltán Berkes

11.) Head of the carpenter's shop: Gergely Tosics

12.) Chief dispatcher: János Borsos

9. Workers

a. About 400 workers are employed in the factory.

b. Work is carried out in 2 shifts, each of 8 hours. No work is done on Sundays.

c. The norms are fixed, but during the past months they were so high that even the stakhanovites could not fulfill them.

d. The average monthly salary of an expert worker is about 700-1,100 Forints. As this is considered an armament factory collective contracts are adhered to, which is not always the case in other factories. Overtime is not allowed.

e. In spite of the comparatively good working conditions the morale of the workers is very bad.

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10. Guards and Security

- a. The entrance on Daróczy ut is always closed and is guarded by an armed sentry. Strangers are only allowed to enter after a thorough check and cannot go further than the sentry in the room next to the entrance.
- b. The guard room is quite close to the entrance. The guard unit of 12 men stays in this room.
- c. The guards are from the Kelenföld Pioneer Barracks and are relieved every 24 hours. The unit is commanded by a staff sergeant. Each sentry is armed with a rifle.
- d. There are two sentries at each entrance and two roving patrols, each of two men, guarding the factory area.
- e. If a stranger gives the sentry a valid reason for wanting to enter the area, he is given an entry permit which has to be returned when leaving the factory. The duration of the visit is noted.
- f. The workers and employees of the factory carry special identity cards.
- g. The factory has its own fire brigade, equipped with a modern motor pump which is to the right of the main entrance. The firemen are chosen from amongst the workers.
- h. Some of the basements were made into air raid shelters during the last war. Recently they have been repaired.

Annex: Area-sketch of the Concern for Production of Signaling Equipment (1 page)

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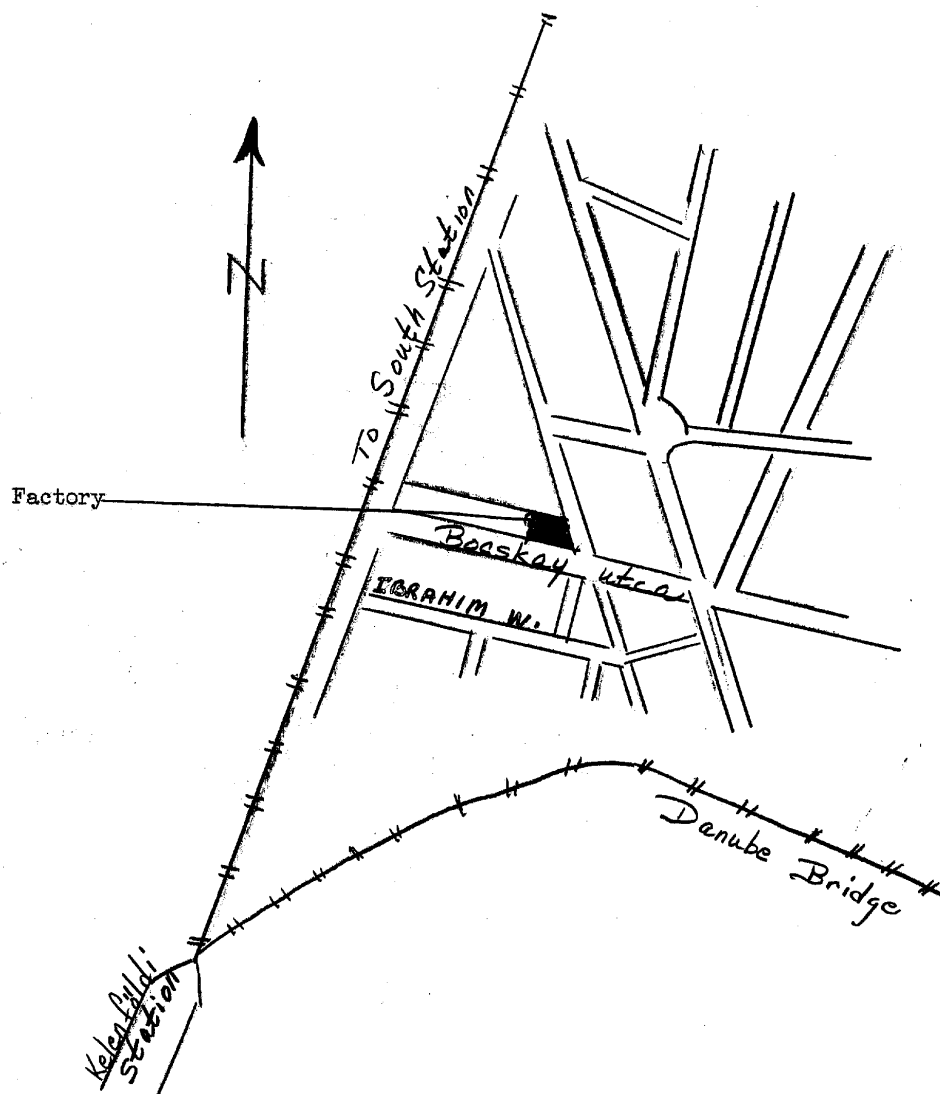
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Annex

Area Sketch of the Concern for Production of Signaling Equipment in Budapest



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